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Mortality report for the week ended April 2, 1904.

Causes of death.	Number of deaths.	Bertillon number.
Measles	1	6
Tubercle of lungs	. 2	27
Anæmia. Cerebral congestion.	1	54 64
Tetanus, traumatic	1	72
Organic heart disease	. 2	79
Emphysema of lungs	1	98
Athrepsia	1	105a 112
Hepatitis, acute.	1	114
Congenital debility	1	151
Contused wound of head	. 1	166
Total	14	

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 16 per 1,000. Estimated population, 45,500.

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Report from Guayaquil—Inspection of vessels—Yellow fever—Mosquito-proof hospital building.

Assistant Surgeon Gruver reports, March 14, 21, and 26, as follows: During the week ended March 12, 1904, two vessels cleared from this port bound for Panama. I examined the vessels, passengers, and crew before signing the bills of health and found all satisfactory.

During the week there were 55 deaths from all causes, of which 9 were from yellow fever and 5 from tuberculosis. Estimated population 60,000. The board of health is working very energetically to prevent the spread of yellow fever and has prepared a mosquito-proof building, to which all patients are removed as soon as detected. Sulphur is being liberally burned to destroy such mosquitoes as are found in houses from which a case is taken. I believe much good will result.

During the week ended March 19, 1904, two vessels cleared from this port for Panama, as follows: March 19, steamship *Ecuador*, with a personnel of 6 officers and 49 crew; 15 cabin and 39 steerage passen-

gers; all told, 109.

This is a coasting steamer whose terminal ports are Panama and Guayaquil and which stops at all the intermediate ports for passengers and cargo. These vessels take ten days to make the trip to Panama, and by the terms of an agreement with the regular mail steamers, which do not stop at ports between Panama and Guayaquil, are not allowed to take passengers from the terminal ports.

Week ended March 19. Steamship *Guatemala*, bound from Valparaiso to Panama, was in port about ten hours. She applied for a supplemental bill of health and carried 11 cabin and 7 steerage passengers.

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health. All was satisfactory.

During the above period there were 72 deaths from all causes reported in this city. Of these, 4 were from yellow fever and 10 from tuberculosis.

Epizootic disease in Peru.

The foot-and-mouth disease is reported to exist to an alarming extent in Peru.